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GOVERNMENT OF TRIPURA
TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.

No. F.1(53)-Trans/2018(P-I) **Dated, Agartala, the 7th May, 2019.**

NOTIFICATION

Pursuant to the judgement and order passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on 15th December, 2017 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 243 of 2005, (Rejive Raturi Vs Union of India & Others) with Writ Petition (Civil) No. 228 of 2006 and in compliance of Section 41 of the Right of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 and the rules made thereunder, the Governor of Tripura is hereby pleased to direct that, all Government and Private Buses are to be made disabled friendly in accordance with the harmonized guidelines, issued by the Government of India.

2. All concerned are hereby strictly instructed to ensure that, harmonized guidelines and space standards for barrier free built environment for persons with disability and elderly persons, as issued by the Ministry of Urban Development Deptt, Govt. of India in February, 2016 and specifically indicated in para 11.7.11.7.1.11.7.1.1 & 11.7.1.2 (copies enclosed) are strictly followed in all modes Govt. and Private buses, wherever technically feasible and safe for persons with disabilities, economically viable and without entailing major structural changes in design.

By order of the Governor,

N. R. Das
Under Secretary, to the
Govt. of Tripura.

11.7 Public Transport

11.7.1 Land Transport

11.7.1.1 General

- Buses, trams, taxis, mini-buses and three-wheelers should be designed as far as practicable to include facilities that can accommodate people with disabilities.
- New vehicles when purchased should comply with accessibility standards to enable all people, including those in wheelchairs, to use the service provided.
- Equally important, travel routes to bus stops should also be barrier-free to ensure that persons can travel from their homes to their chosen pick-up point. Training should be provided for drivers to help them become aware of the needs of Persons with Disabilities.
- For details regarding accessible bus stops refer to Section 10.3.

11.7.1.2 Accessible buses

Accessible buses should have the following features:

- Bus doors should be at least 1200 mm wide;
- Should be low floor;
- Have handrail and footlight installed; and
- Have apparatus such as a hydraulic lift or pull-out/foldable ramp (Figure 11-7) installed in the doorway for mobility aided users/prams.
- Wheelchair spaces
    - Space for a wheelchair should be provided in an appropriate position, without preventing other passengers from getting on and off (Figure 11-8);
    - The location of that space should be as indicated, inside and outside the bus, using the standard symbol for wheelchair accessibility; and
    - Wheel stoppers and wheelchair safety belts should be provided

- Alighting Buzzers

  - An appropriate number of alighting buzzers should be provided in positions that are easily accessible for seated or standing passengers; and

  - The push button of an alighting buzzer should be clearly visible; of adequate size, installed at 900 mm to 1200 mm from the bus floor level and display the information in Braille/raised numbers as well.

- Information Signs

  - Information on the names of all stops along a bus route should be indicated inside the bus by displaying the text in a suitable position; and

  - Information on a route and its final destination should be displayed outside the bus in large text, especially on the front and side of the bus. This information should be in a bright contrasting colour and be well illuminated be an external light to make it readable in the dark.